

Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1

Office of Library Construction Findings

Project Name [Number]	Marina Municipal Library 1057	Current Square Footage	0
Applicant	Marina, City of	Project Square Footage	24,048
Operating Library Jurisdiction	Monterey County Free Libraries	Service Area Population:	25,122
Project Type	New Library	Anticipated Construction Start Date:	7/1/2004
Project Priority	1st	Total Library Project Amount	\$12,705,555
Joint Use Type	Joint Venture	State Grant Amount	\$7,525,913
Multipurpose?	YES		
Leased Site:	NO		

Bond Act Factors [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
Needs of urban and rural areas:		[see map]
Population growth:		65%
Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):		Yes
Age and condition of existing library:	No existing library (= Outstanding)	
Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:	Very Good	
Plan of Service integrates appropriate electronic technology:	Very Good	
Appropriateness of proposed site for the proposed project:	Very Good	
Overall Rating:		Very Good

Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 64.9%

Age and Condition There is no existing library.

Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs The needs assessment process has been an ongoing one for the past 5 years, updated by recent input gathering to confirm previous findings. Input methods included focus groups; community meetings; interviews; surveys; and city council meetings, which reached a broad range of residents. Students and teachers were also targeted to obtain the needs of K-12 students. Analysis of the input and demographic data lead to logical determination of library service needs. The needs of K-12 students were thoroughly considered during the needs assessment process.

The plan of service is consistent with the needs identified. Mission and goals are those of the county library, with sub-goals and objectives, along with service indicators, of the planned new branch library. In addition, there is a Marina Branch Services Implementation Plan. Specific attention is paid to the needs of K-12 with a detailed description of the Homework Center program and collections. Programs to meet the needs of the ethnic populations and identified technology needs are addressed. Because Marina school libraries will be closed at the end of the 2002 school year, the library plans to focus attention on student academic support. Because of the closure of school libraries and the high percentage of school-aged residents, the plan of service calls for a homework center as the joint venture service. The library goals and objectives encompass the needs of K-12 students.

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The building program addresses the multipurpose use of the facility - housing Monterey County Library Administrative office, which will have its own entrance and be separate from the library function. The joint use venture of a Homework Center is well described. The building program implements the plan of service extremely well.

The conceptual plans implement the building program, adhering to space adjacency and size requirements. Programmed, actual, and non-assignable square footage is shown on the plans.

Joint Use Agreement: Homework Center The agreement does not represent a partnership between the two parties, but more closely resembles the types of library services that are provided by a public library in the course of providing library services for all user groups in the service area. The school district will assist in planning the new library and encourage use of the homework center. All other aspects of the joint venture service will be the responsibility of the library. A process for review and modification of the services is not included.

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology Recognition of the importance of technology to providing library services is evident throughout the planning documents. Specific technology uses include: use of an integrated Web-based catalog; access to Web-based electronic resources; Internet access; a homework center with curriculum-related software and Internet access; LAN; self-checkout; automated check-in; and multi-media capability in the meeting rooms, including cable TV and teleconferencing.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site The proposed site is located on a raised piece of land, is central to the service area, and lies between the two primary traffic arteries. Because of the shape of the site, which restricts the amount of desired on-site parking, a portion of the library parking will be located off-site per an agreement with the park district. The site is accessible by public and private transportation, by bicycle, and by foot. A paved pedestrian and bike path will be provided through the adjacent park, which includes a wetland sanctuary for migratory birds. The shape of the proposed site limits site planning, requiring that some parking be located off-site. Future expansion of the library parking lot in collaboration with the park district is under consideration.

Financial Capacity The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.